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SANDAKAN, WEDNESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1909.

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTH.

PEARSON.—On 29th August, at the Residency, Sandakan, the wife of Aylmer C. Pearson, Government Secretary, B. N. Borneo, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

DINGLE—WHITELEW.—On August 16th at St. Michael's, Sandakan by the Rev. W. H. Elton, M. A., Percival A. Dingle M.B.E.S., L.R.C.P. Lond. son of W. A. Dingle, M.D., J.P. of London to Norah, Widow of Dr. T. Buchanan Whitelaw and sixth daughter of the late John Gordon, Ellangowan, Argyllshire.

ADOLPHY—PEPPER.—At St. Michael's Church, Sandakan, on August 16th, by the Rev. W. H. Elton, Frederick William Louie, only son of the late Frederick Adolphy, of Yeovil, Somersetshire, to Florence Colclough, second daughter of William Spring Pepper, of Liverpool.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO EAST AND WEST COASTS.

Acting on medical advice, H. E. The Governor left Sandakan on the night of the 19th July on s.s. *Marudu* for a short trip to the East Coast. Lahad Datu was reached the next day about 4 p.m., and H. E. landed, and after a short walk and a visit to the hospitable Lahad Datu Club, returned to the Residency. Mr. Palm, Contreleur of Barau in Dutch Borneo, was also Mr. Fraser's guest, he having arrived at Lahad Datu *via* Tawao and Simporna in quest of authentic news of Jikiri. He was accompanied by two French gentlemen who are engaged in the Jungle produce trade. Early on the 20th, H. E. accompanied by the Resident and the Acting Secretary proceeded to Segama Estate in a special train kindly put at his disposal by Mr. Arensma the General Manager of the N. D. B. T. Co. The line, which has only lately been opened for traffic, supersedes the old road and buffalo tram system which

formed the only means of communication between Lahad Datu and the Segama River. It is of miniature gauge, and follows approximately the old road, crossing the water-shed through a deep cutting which has given considerable trouble. The worst grade is 1 in 40 and the curves in places appear severe but the sturdy little engines draw trains of five and six loaded cars without difficulty. With a passenger car, the 10 miles from terminus to terminus is covered in 50 minutes. The whole scheme and construction reflect great credit on the Estate Staff by whom they have been carried out, and the moderate cost and the success of the experiment warrant the serious consideration both of the Government and of other Estates which are situated in similarly difficult positions as regards transport.

Leaving Lahad Datu at 5 p.m. to anchor under shelter of the islands for the night, Trusan Treacher was reached at day break next morning. The s.s. *Chantek* was lying at Simporna, which promises to become a place of more importance as the settlements, which Mr. Fraser has lately made on the Trusan for the island Bajaus, become more prosperous. These nomadic tribes have long been accustomed to a wandering existence in their boats among the outlying islands and reefs, where they were out of touch with the Government and where supervision was quite impracticable. They have been drafted into a series of villages along both banks of the Trusan where they are under constant inspection from passing ships and it is hoped that they will in time be transformed into peaceful and law abiding citizens. This concentration forms part of a general policy of concentration of these turbulent natives into organized settlements and has been initiated and tactfully carried out by Mr. Fraser and Major Harrington.

Mr. Moysey, District Officer, met the ship on arrival at Tawao and accompanied H. E. to the Residency where, as at Lahad Datu, studious current questions including the absorbing subject of estimates, were discussed.

Sandakan was reached during the evening of the 23rd and on the 24th the voyage was continued en route for the West Coast *via* Kudat. A dreary wait at Kudat finally ended at 6 p.m. on 26th and the ship went alongside Jesselton wharf next morning at day break. The combined effects of weather and indisposition prevented H. E. from paying his anticipated visits to Membakut and other Estates, though during the first few days of his stay the usual rounds of inspection were made to the experimental plantations and the public works in and around Jesselton. H. E. finally returned to Sandakan by the s.s. *Marudu* arriving in the evening of the 14th August.

NOTES OCCASIONAL.

DR. VAN RHEDEN has arrived to join the staff of the B. B. Petroleum Syndicate.

A BRIDGE tournament at Sandakan Club has been won by Messrs. Johnston and Apel.

THE LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT has at last been concluded. We hope to publish results in our next issue.

WE regret to hear that the publication of the *Labuan Observer*, which had only reached its third issue, has ceased.

WE hear that Mr. P. Butler has joined the Government Service and will open up the new Government Rubber Estate.

WE are informed that the Government Estate at Membakut has been sold and that a new Estate is now being opened near Bongawan.

THE staff of the B. B. Petroleum Syndicate left by the s.s. *Morudu* for the West Coast to prospect in the neighbourhood of Nosong Point.

MR. G. C. IRVING returned to Sandakan by the s.s. *Darcel* on 29th ult., having completed his walk over the telegraph route from Sandakan to Tenom.

WE regret to hear that the s.s. *Finnie*, which has called here several times for bunker coal, ran aground near Malabac and again near Cebu. We understand that she was so badly injured that it has been necessary to condemn her.

THE Rev. W. H. Elton left for Kudat on the s.s. *Marudu* on 21st ult. and will, we understand, meet the Bishop on the West Coast. During the vicar's absence Mr. R. Bryett Turner is acting as lay reader and conducts the Sunday evening services.

WE beg to offer our respectful congratulations to the Government Secretary and Mrs. Pearson upon the birth of a daughter, and to H. E. the Governor and Mrs. Gueritz upon the birth of a grand-daughter, as announced under "Domestic Occurrences."

H. E. THE GOVERNOR has been notified that the Dutch authorities are about to establish a station at or near the Kuala Pajungan, a tributary of the Bahau which is itself a tributary of the Bulungan.

FROM the map the place appears to be some distance from our boundary.

WE hear that the s.s. *Heim* and the s.s. *Firi* called in at Sandakan for bunker coal on 29th inst. and were both cleared the same day. We congratulate the Cowie Harbour Coal Co. and their Sandakan Agents upon this smart piece of work. The value of a coaling Port depends, to a great extent, upon the celerity with which ships can be cleared.

MR. AND MRS. NEWSON'S child was christened at St. Michael's Church on 17th August by the Vicar, Rev. W. H. Elton and was named Phyllis Irene Newson. Dr. Robert Hirsch was godfather and the godmothers were Mrs. Robert Hirsch and Mrs. Van Nuischoot.

AFTER the ceremony a reception was held at Straum House.

MRS. GUERITZ gave a very enjoyable picnic to Taganac on Saturday, 21st ult. The party left Sandakan on the s.s. *Petrol* about 2 o'clock and returned about 8 o'clock. On the return journey a game which was new to most of us and which consists of filling in a "Press Letter" with the names of periodicals, &c., was played. Mrs. Gueritz kindly presented two prizes of silver penholders, which were won by Mrs. McEnroe and Mr. Turner.

THE GENERAL MANAGER of the New London Borneo Tobacco Co., Ltd. through the Resident, Kudat, requests us to contradict a misleading statement which appeared in our issue of 16th August in a paragraph with reference to the tobacco crop for this year in which it was stated "*in fact an almost record crop is expected.*"

WE now learn that, although the General Manager is satisfied with the crop, it is far from being a record crop.

THE Court of Directors have sent out to the Membakut Estate a supply of seeds of the new Rubber tree, the *Manihot Dichotoma*, with which a few acres will be planted as an experiment.

IT is claimed for this tree that 1,200 trees can be planted to the acre, that trees can be tapped when three years old and that the latex contains from 70 to 92 per cent. of caoutchouc.

THE result of the experiment will doubtless be of great interest to planters here.

MAJOR HARRINGTON has supplied us with the following statement of account regarding the tombstone erected to the memory of the late Lieut. Atkins.

THE "ATKIN MEMORIAL."

By collections \$273.00	1. Treasurer—on a/c cost stone and charges	\$247.50
	2. Ah Pong—photos	9.00
	Cooly hire	0.50
	Bank charge Behn, Meyer & Co.	1.00
	Cost of erecting stone	15.00

Total \$273.00

THE SANDAKAN ICE AND AERATED WATER CO., LTD.—The Second Annual meeting of the Shareholders of this Company was held at the Offices of the Company on 25th August.

THE Report submitted states that the business of the Company continues to improve slowly but regrets that the results are not of a more favourable nature. Considerable cost has been incurred in maintenance and repairs owing to some of the machinery proving rather too light for the work required of it but it is anticipated that this item will be considerably reduced during the coming year. The accounts show a considerable loss on the year's working.

THE SABAH STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.—The 15th Annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Sabah Steamship Co. was held at the offices of the Company at Sandakan on 25th August.

FROM the Report presented by the Directors it appears that the profit for the year was \$6,245.13, from which it is proposed to pay a dividend of 6%, and to carry forward \$235.13 to a new Profit and Loss Account.

THE Directors have been able to redeem, during the past year, the balance of the 1st Issue of Debenture Bonds.

IT is stated that the operations of the Company's boats had been unremunerative but that the South Philippines Steamship Co. had a fairly successful year.

SEKONG RUBBER.—The directors have decided to issue the remaining 7,493 unissued shares and to offer the same to the shareholders *pro rata* to their holdings at 21s. per share. The circular states a factory and drying house have been erected. The labour force has been gradually increased as accommodation was provided, by successive drafts of coolies from Java, and tapping on a larger scale is now proceeding. During the six months, and prior to the arrival of the machinery on the estate, 5,855 lbs. of rubber have been received in London and sold at an average price of 6s. 0½d. per lb. Mr. Bruce reports the growth of the trees is remarkably good. A commencement has been made in felling and clearing an additional 400 acres.—*The L. & C. Express.*

H. E. THE GOVERNOR has received information from Vice-Admiral The Hon. Hedworth Lambton R.N.V.O., C.B., that, according to present arrangements, H.M.S. *Flora* will visit Labuan, Jesselton and Sandakan about the end of September or beginning of October.

The L. & C. Express of 16th July states that the *Flora* is to be re-commissioned at Colombo and that Capt. John Nicholas has been appointed to the command of the *Flora* as relief of Capt. Nugent.

Capt. Nicholas (promoted Capt. in June 1906) was a midshipman of the *Monarch* at the bombardment of Alexandria, 1882, and during the Egyptian War (medal with clasp and the Khedive's Star); was senior lieutenant of the *Powerful* during the South-African War and, for his service was promoted Commander.

THE SARAWAK GOVERNMENT *Gazette* of 16th August contains the following Notification:—

On leaving Sarawak this month for England I have authorized The Hon'ble H. R. A. Day to be my Deputy to attend to all outside correspondence and to administer the Government until His Highness The Rajah Muda returns from England. During his and my absence there will be a *pro tem*: assembly appointed for the Resident and Treasurer to meet the Datus to consult with them about any matters that may require attention. I would request the community to consider the Hon'ble The Resident, H. R. A. Day and the Hon'ble The Treasurer, F. H. Dallas as my two representatives in the country till His Highness the Rajah Muda arrives when the Supreme Council will be again assembled under his administration.

C. BROOKE,

Rajah

Kuching, Sarawak,
14th August, 1909.

SAPONG RUBBER AND TOBACCO.—The report states the 1907 tobacco crop realised £4,722, and the sum chargeable amounts to £6,032, showing a loss of £1,309. After deducting from this the balance forward of £863, there remains a loss to carry forward of £445. The crop of 1907 consisted of 700 bales from 80 fields, as compared with 762 bales produced in 1906 from 80 fields. The price obtained was 60½ per half kilo, as compared with 51½ obtained for 1906 crop. The 1908 crop from 110 fields has produced 825 bales, of which 295 have been sold at Amsterdam at 57½ per half kilo. It is proposed to plant during 1909 about 150 fields. On April 30 737 acres had been planted with rubber trees, and a further 153 acres had been felled. The total number of trees is now about 122,000. The directors consider it advisable to issue the remainder of the company's capital, and shareholders were offered £28,622 Six per Cent. First Mortgage Debenture Stock at par, carrying an option of conversion into Ordinary shares. The issue was subscribed.—*The L. & C. Express.*

We have been requested by the Secretary of the North Borneo Chamber of Commerce to publish the following:—

At the Second Annual General Meeting of the Members of the North Borneo Chinese Chamber of Commerce held at Sandakan, the following were elected members of committee for the period July, 1909 to June, 1910:

President: Kweh Sui Thong.
Vice-President: Kwan Woon Kwong.
Hon. Secretary: Lam Man Ching.
Hon. Treasurer: Lao Long Theng.

Committee: Koh Kim Hin, Go Buck Lim, Lo Tin Hin and Mak Chee Sang.

Sub-Committee: Tan Chiap Pow, Sim Chong Khoo, Kweh Tsz Kia, Phoa Tean Seng, Ang Keng Jian, Lao Mah Soo, Kweh Theng Joon, Lai Peng Phoon, Cheong Yoo Kee, Lee Chun Lam, Lee Yan Kwe, Thong Pak Tung, Lam Yew Thong, Tan Poh Koo, Chew Chun Cheong and Kah Mow Kap.

For Kudat: Chan Cheong Nam and Lo Tin Chiek.

For Jesselton: Chin Sam Loong and Teh Bee Yong.

For Lahad Datu: Lam Wan Chung and Soh Eng Ho.
For Tawao: Phoon Cheong Sui and Sim Kia Kee.

At the half-yearly meeting of the British North Borneo Company an interesting *aperçu* of the material resources of the country was made by the managing director, Mr. W. C. Cowie. He gave a list, for instance, of the rubber companies which are planting in the territory. These companies have raised about half a million sterling of capital, and their expenditures have assisted the revenues of the company. Mr. Cowie looked forward to the time when these companies will be producing rubber, when they will expend much more than they do at present. He looked to that day because each would then spend four or five times as much as it does now: "and, as the bulk of our revenue is derived indirectly from the expenditure of money in our territory, our receipts should then be considerably augmented." At present only one of the eight companies established in the country is producing rubber, but the prices it has realised on the occasion of its last two sales indicate that Borneo rubber can hold its own with that produced in other parts of Malaya. Moreover, the growth of trees in Borneo seems to fully equal, or surpass, the proportions attained in a given time in other parts of the Archipelago. It is small reason for wonder, therefore, that Mr. Cowie called pointed attention to the price at which the shares in Borneo rubber companies stand in comparison with some of the phenomenal quotations attained by companies in the Malay Peninsula.—*L. & C. Express.*

Books Received.

We have to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following books published by Messrs. Greening's Colonial Library:—

The Spiffire by Edward Peple.

The Tragedy of a Flirtation by H. B. Vogel.

Rubber Land near Jesselton.

The Chief Government Surveyor in the course of a report on a visit to the West Coast in search of land suitable for rubber planting writes:—

I also examined land directly behind Jesselton at a distance of say 2 miles, the greater part of which distance has already a good road; this land is of a very open nature being rough grass and scrub with very little real jungle but the land is excellent and, although somewhat cut up with swampy valleys, mostly drainable, would I think make a very excellent rubber estate of about 1,500 acres; its nearness to Jesselton should be a very great inducement to any small company to at once start operations.

"Cowie Cup Competition."

The first shoot for this Competition took place at Sandakan on Wednesday, 18th ult.

The Hon. Secretary has kindly supplied us with the following conditions under which the competition is to be shot off.

Conditions.—6 shoots at 25 yards on any Miniature Rifle Range, at Sandakan and Jesselton.

8 shots: i.e., 1 sighter and 7 count.

Shooting to take place after 1st August, and all scores and targets must be handed in to the undersigned on or before the 31st December, 1909.

Handicap.—Competitors will be handicapped.

A list has been duly drawn up and sealed, the handicaps being based upon the averages obtained in the first 6 months' shooting for the "Governor's Trophy."

On completion of the 6 shoots the aggregate score of each competitor will be averaged and his handicap then added.

The highest score will win the Trophy—a Silver Cup—presented by W. C. Cowie, Esq. All targets to be endorsed "Cowie Cup" and signed by competitors.

Handicappers.—Major C. H. Harrington and Captain H. S. Bond.

II. S. BONN,

Hon. Secretary,

B.N.B. Rifle Association.

The Borneo Fowl.

We have received the following essay from a correspondent who, apparently, has discovered a youthful genius:—

People in Borneo have to eat him, he is very tough and stringy, if you do not put anything on him he does not taste of anything, if you put plenty of sauce and chew him well he tastes a little of sauce, some Borneo fowls will turn the edge of a parang others will turn folks' stomachs, the Chinese boy who looks after the fowls says they do not lay eggs in Borneo not if they try ever so, I like eggs so does the Chinese boy, the D. O. was carving one once, it fell off the table he got mad and kicked it, the fowl was unburt though dusty the D. O. was lame for a week, he said to a friend I can't eat this darn bird you have a back old chap, the friend said I cannot I have not got a firewood cutters license so they said they had to drink a lot of whisky instead, with some people any excuse is better than none, at every meal somebody is funny and says We are going to have fowl for a change, somebody else says Shut up you Idiot if I ever go home and the waiter brings anything with feathers on it I'll brain him, a Borneo fowl was once put in aspic they had to get him out again with dynamite, a fowl's lot in Borneo is not a happy one, he is always getting curried, I should not like to be always getting curried, it must be a noble death, the D. O. has a monkey named Paddy, sometimes the fowls get padi to eat, sometimes Paddy gets fowls, sometimes the fowls get jagong this is not the same as to get on the jag, the Borneo fowl is very tough and stringy, this is all I know about the Borneo fowl.

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DOUBLE WEDDING AT SANDAKAN

For the first time in Sandakan a double wedding was celebrated at St. Michael's Church on Monday 16th ult. when Mrs. Norah Buchanan Whitelaw was married to Dr. Percival A. Dingle and Miss Florence Colclough Pepper to Mr. F. W. L. Adolphy, by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Elton.

Mrs. Whitelaw, who was dressed in cream net over cream satin and wore a white hat with large white ostrich feather, was given away by Capt. Rodenburg of s.s. *Marudu*. Miss Pepper wore a dress of soft white Chinese silk made in Empire fashion, white hat trimmed with orange blossom and long white gauze veil and was given away by Mr. W. G. Darby. Mr. R. Bryett Turner was best man to Dr. Dingle and Mr. J. N. Wardrop to Mr. Adolphy.

The service was fully choral, the hymns being "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O! Perfect Love." Mr. Pilgrim presided at the organ and, at the conclusion of the ceremony, played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." The Church had been prettily decorated by children from the S.P.G. schools.

After the ceremony a well attended reception was held at "The Vicarage." Mr. Darby, in proposing the toast of the brides and bridegrooms descended upon what he termed the "blind courage" shown by brides who come to these out-of-the-way parts of the world. He (Mr. Darby) however had seen that this courage was usually fully justified and he was convinced that it would be in these cases. He also drew attention to the fact that both the bridegrooms were in the employ of the Cowie Harbour Coal Co. The toast, which was enthusiastically responded to, was acknowledged by both of the bridegrooms.

After the reception the happy couples returned to the s.s. *Marudu*, in which ship the brides had travelled from Singapore and in which the journey to Tawao, en route to their new homes, at Silimpopon and Sebattik respectively, was to be made.

In the evening a dinner was given on board at which the Vicar and Mrs. Elton and a few personal friends of the bridegrooms were present. A very pleasant and jolly evening was passed but an early move ashore had to be made by the guests as the *Marudu* was sailing for Tawao at 9-30 p.m.

It was necessary for the Constabulary to test some star shells and the C.P.O. had thoughtfully postponed testing them until the *Marudu* pulled out from the wharf. Friends on the wharf kept up a fusillade of bombs and crackers and so amidst these salvos of artillery, bombs and crackers the *Marudu* bore away the newly-wedded pairs towards their new homes, where all our best wishes for their future happiness follow them.

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MONTHLY SCORES AND AGGREGATES.

NAME.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	TOTAL.
Mrs. Altman	24	26	22	.	.	.	.	—
" Scott Atkinson	24	24	23	29	29	28	27	184
" Bond	20	21	21	24	18	22	.	—
" Giddy	14	16	10	25	25	24	21	139
" Irving	.	.	.	21	.	.	.	—
" McEnroe	.	.	13	24	23	.	.	—
" Reeves	.	.	17	.	.	.	.	—
Mr. Altman	22	25	.	.	.	.	.	—
" Apel	.	19	21	.	.	.	.	—
" Aston	24	26	29	25	.	.	.	—
" Scott Atkinson	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	—
Captain Bond	25	21	30	32	23	26	25	184
Mr. Bost	23	29	28	27	24	24	25	180
" Boyer	.	12	.	.	.	.	.	—
" Brackenbury	26	22	26	29	17	31	.	—
" Bunbury	29	23	33	32	29	.	.	—
" Clark	26	21	32	25	27	27	29	187
" Dale	24	30	25	32	23	.	.	—
" Dunlop	26	24	24	27	27	28	28	184
" Francis	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	—
Dr. Giddy	25	23	15	25	23	.	.	—
Major Harrington	15	16	.	.	.	.	.	—
Mr. J. Hutton Hall	25	23	24	23	.	.	.	—
" Holland	.	17	.	.	.	.	.	—
Major Holmden	26	.	.	.	.	.	.	—
Mr. Horton	20	28	26	30	29	28	27	188
" Irving	24	18	30	20	25	24	.	—
Dr. Macpherson	15	19	.	.	.	.	.	—
Mr. Newson	25	20	.	.	.	.	.	—
Pavitt	20	20	18	18	25	23	.	—
" Pearson	25	22	23	28	25	22	23	168
" Preston	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	—
" Fryke	.	20	.	.	22	.	.	—
" Reeves	.	24	21	27	28	27	.	—
" Skinner	20	15	.	.	.	.	.	—
" Smith	.	12	.	.	.	.	.	—
" Stokes	24	20	.	.	.	.	.	—
" Templeton	11	24	.	.	.	.	.	—
" Tompson	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	—
" Turner	28	.	27	26	28	28	.	—
Capt. Wardrop	21	.	.	.	.	.	.	—
Mr. White	22	19	22	22	21	.	.	—
" Wilson	25	29	25	22	30	23	28	182
" Woollett	27	27	23	27	30	27	.	—

*No target sent in.

The Honorary Secretary has informed us that in future the shoots need not be monthly. The highest aggregate of 12 shoots will win; but a competitor may shoot twice in one month if unable to shoot regularly.

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JESSELTON NOTES.

We hear that a Ceylon Rubber Estate has sold its 1910 rubber crop forward at 6s. per lb.

That lovely site overlooking Jesselton Harbour on which the old railway bungalow stood, is now being cleared, grounds done up, and a new bungalow is being erected on the site. This is, no doubt, one of the finest sites in Jesselton. The property belongs to Mr. E. A. Pavitt.

At last we are having fine weather Jesselton side—for the last month it has been incessant rain.

A meeting of the Jesselton Turf Club was held on the 20th August and it was decided to have a Gymkhana on the Race Course at Tanjong Aru on Charter Day, the 1st November. A programme is to be drawn up immediately. There are three beautiful Silver Cups to be competed for, besides other prizes of no mean order. The usual excursion trains will, no doubt, be running on that day at cheap rates.

A very fine site for the S.P.G. Vicarage is being levelled opposite the Protestant School, and the earth is being used to fill in the new Church site at the beach. This will make a great improvement.

TAMBUNAN NOTES.

On June 16th there was a heavy hail-storm at Ranau. It appears to have been purely local as at Rinagong some ten miles away (as the crow flies) it was not experienced. This is the second time within the memory of the oldest inhabitant at Ranau that this curious phenomenon has happened, though we believe Mr. Bunbury, when D. O. Tambunan, was once caught in a hail-storm at Rinagong. We were informed that the younger members of the population eagerly gathered up the hail-stones, which seem to have been of a large size, thinking they would keep them and make 'banyak unfong' from them and were very much disgusted to find their supposed treasures literally melting away before their eyes.

The parties and patrols sent out to look for Tangkilan, have been successful in capturing two old escaped prisoners from Tambunan goal, one Lemonto, who has been at large for over eight years and one Bladoh who has been at large for over two years. Both were caught in the Ulu Turan where they have been living ever since their respective escapes. This will give an idea of the difficulty of getting hold of a 'wanted' man, among the Tegahas Dusun.

Bladoh when sentenced to a further term of imprisonment for escaping, remarked that when his sentence was finished, he would 'masuk mata-mata'. Not a bad idea perhaps, 'Set a thief to catch a thief.'

Of the Javanese teak seeds brought up by the Resident in April, not a single one came up. We are informed that this was probably owing to the instructions given by the Resident not being carried out.

The woman, Dahundai, who was one of the people cut up by Tangkilan died during June, of her wounds. The little child, it is pleasing to know, is quite recovered, the gash in her side having healed beautifully.

The new shops are nearly finished and are very strongly built and larger than the old ones.

Various improvements have been effected to the Station grounds and most of the buildings have been put into thorough repair.

During the last two months heavy rains and thunderstorms have been prevalent. The newer portions of the bridle-path were a good deal damaged and will take some time to put into good order again.

There has been a good deal of dysentery about lately, several of the police being down with it, and one of the Chinese shopkeepers and one prisoner succumbed to it. No doubt the weather has a good deal to do with this.

The Resident paid his quarterly visit early in July.

TENOM GYMKHANA.

Coronation Day saw the inauguration of the new Tenom Sports Club when a Pony Gymkhana was held on the new course between the shops and the station. The whole meeting went with a swing which promises well for the success of the new Club. The Jesselton Constabulary Band was in attendance and a special train from Jesselton brought up a number of sight-seers from the Coast. The day was not particularly fine but only one shower stopped the meeting for a short time. Tenom itself, always pretty, presented a gay appearance and a large number of Interior natives turned up to see what is to them a new form of sport.

1. FOR BEST-GROOMED PONY.

Mr. W. G. Hamilton's	<i>Starlight</i>	1
" F. E. Lease's	<i>Bunt</i>	2
" R. V. L. Pritchard's	<i>Bengkot</i>	3
" E. H. Barraut's	<i>Tikus</i>	0
" W. G. Hamilton's	<i>Cigarette</i>	0
" E. H. Barraut's	<i>Puteh</i>	0
" "	<i>Marudu</i>	0

Mr. Butler, the judge, had no easy task in choosing between the first three.

2. THE RESIDENT'S CUP.—Scurry Race. For all Interior owned ponies. Owners up. Catch weights. Distance R.C.

Mr. R. V. L. Pritchard's	<i>Bengkot</i>	Owner	1
Sapong Stable's	<i>Whipsnade</i>	Mr. S. J. Gooding	2
Dr. Pritchard's	<i>Tabasco</i>	Owner	3

There were only three entries for this as, owing to an unfortunate accident, Mr. W. G. Hamilton was unable to ride during the afternoon.

Bengkot got off well ahead of the others and was in no danger the whole way. *Whipsnade* came in five lengths behind.

3. POTATO AND BUCKET.—Three buckets at 20 yards interval. Points for pace. Open to all comers. 1st prize \$20. 2nd prize \$5.

Mr. S. J. Gooding on *Sapong* gained 55 points, Mr. R. V. L. Pritchard followed with 50 points, and Dr. Pritchard with 37. Mr. Pritchard's *Aporak* was considerably faster than *Sapong* and *Tabasco*.

4. TURK'S HEAD.—Points for pace. Open to all. Catch weights. 1st prize \$20. 2nd prize \$5.

Mr. R. V. L. Pritchard's	<i>Aporak</i>	Owner	36 pts.
" E. H. Barraut's	<i>Puteh</i>	Mr. Butler	30 "
" F. E. Lease's	<i>Sapong</i>	" Gooding	24 "
Dr. Pritchard's	<i>Tabasco</i>	Owner	14 "

In regard to pace there was nothing to choose between *Aporak* and *Puteh*. Mr. R. V. L. Pritchard took all three heads.

5. PLANTERS' CUP (presented by the Planters of the Interior).—Scurry Race. Open to all visitors. Catch weights. Distance R.C.

Mr. R. V. L. Pritchard's	<i>Bengkot</i>	Owner	1
" E. H. Barraut's	<i>Marudu</i>	Mr. Butler	2
" "	<i>Tikus</i>	Owner	3

A fine race won by half a length. *Bengkot*, as before, got away well but would probably have been passed by *Marudu* had the course been a little longer. *Tikus* got a very bad start and did not get a chance to recover.

6. TILTING AT THE RING.—Points for pace. Open to all. Catch weights. 1st prize \$20. 2nd prize \$5.

Mr. E. H. Barraut's	<i>Puteh</i>	Mr. Butler	1 33 pts.
" Pritchard's	<i>Aporak</i>	Owner	2 31 "
" F. E. Lease's	<i>Sapong</i>	Mr. Gooding	3 27 "

Mr. Butler won by two points. Both *Puteh* and *Aporak* came at the ring at a good pace.

7. RACE FOR NATIVES.—Catch weights. Distance R.C. 1st prize \$5. 2nd prize \$3. 3rd prize \$1.

Gunsanad's	<i>Bandukan</i>	1
Mr. W. G. Hamilton's	<i>Starlight</i>	2
" "	<i>Cigarette</i>	3
" E. H. Barraut's	<i>Tikus</i>	0
" "	<i>Marudu</i>	0
" F. E. Lease's	<i>Riah</i>	0
Gunsanad's	<i>Menansud</i>	0

A really good race. *Bandukan* had a great advantage in his jockey, the son of O. T. Gunsanad, whose weight was practically negligible and who rode splendidly. *Starlight* was finely ridden by his Indian syce who, of course, gave away a lot in weight.

8. SCURRY RACE.—For all owners. Catch weights. Distance R.C. 1st prize \$20. 2nd prize \$5.

Mr. F. E. Lease's	<i>Whipsnade</i>	Mr. S. J. Gooding	1
" R. V. L. Pritchard's	<i>Bengkot</i>	Owner	2

Bengkot got off well and led up to the beginning of the straight, where he was caught by *Whipsnade*, well ridden by Mr. Gooding. There were only two entries.

9. CONSOLATION RACE.—For all ponies who ran and did not win. Catch weights. Distance R.C. 1st prize \$15. 2nd prize \$5.

Mr. W. G. Hamilton's	<i>Starlight</i>	Syce	1
Gunsanad's	<i>Menansud</i>	Antunak	2
Mr. W. G. Hamilton's	<i>Cigarette</i>	Syce	3
" E. H. Barraut's	<i>Marudu</i>	Mr. Butler	0
" F. E. Lease's	<i>Biar</i>	Syce	0
" "	<i>Buntut</i>	Mr. S. J. Gooding	0

One of the best events of the day. *Starlight* was left badly at the start but owing to fine riding got ahead half way down the straight. *Menansud* followed at a great pace, again ridden by O. T. Gunsanad's son, but could not catch *Starlight*. There was practically nothing between second and third.

COMMITTEE.

Messrs. E. H. Barraut, F. E. Lease, W. G. Hamilton and T. A. Lind.

GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR GYMKHANA.

Dr. Pritchard; Messrs. C. Ashton Pryke; R. V. L. Pritchard and S. J. Gooding.

In the evening a party of twelve Europeans sat down to dinner in the Rest House and a most enjoyable time was spent. The whole day was voted an immense success and there is no doubt that in most ways, and particularly in the matter of sport, Tenom is little behind her bigger neighbours. It is to be hoped that a Gymkhana or Race Meeting will be an Annual Event in the Interior.

MONTHLY REPORTS.

Sandakan District.

JUNE.

Diary.—1st, Mr. G. C. Irving, Asst Supdt: Telegraphs returned from inspection of telegraph line from Batu Puteh to Sandakan. 3rd, H. E. the Governor, attended by Mr. Francis, Secretary, returned from a short visit to the West Coast. 6th, Major Harrington, and Asst. Supdt: Mr. Stokes arrived from the West Coast. 7th, Mr. Stokes' wedding to Miss Webb took place at 5 p.m. from Government House. Major Harrington left for Jesselton. 10th, Surveyor Mr. Heherr left for the Kinabatangan on survey duty. General Bandholz, Chief of Philippine Constabulary and Col. Griffiths visited the port in U. S. S. "Ranger," and called on H. E. the Governor. 12, Mr. T. W. Rose, who had been in charge of the Customs during Mr. Clark's absence, left for Jesselton. 13th, Mr. A. R. Rivett, Accountant Cadet, reported his arrival from Jesselton on transfer to Lahad Datu. 16th, The Supdt. Customs, Mr. M. M. Clark returned from inspection duty on the West Coast. 21st, The Judicial Commissioner returned to Sandakan after completing the West Coast Circuit. In consequence of rumours as to the likelihood of a visit from the pirate Jikiri, Major Harrington came up from Jesselton and left immediately for the East Coast in G. S. Y. "Petrel" taking Police and guns. U. S. S. "Arayat" with Capt. Signor visited the port. Captain Signor called on His Excellency, with reference to the operations against Jikiri. 22nd, Another drowning fatality was reported, the body of the Chief Engineer of the German Steamer "Layal" being found in the water near the wharf. It is supposed that Herr Ehrlinger missed his footing and fell off the wharf while returning to his ship at night. 23rd, Inquest and funeral of Herr Ehrlinger. 24th, s. a. "Tringganu" arrived from the Philippines. A Japanese female passenger was accused of having wounded with a knife the Chinese clerk of the vessel while in American waters. Application for the arrest of the woman was refused, the local Courts having no jurisdiction, and the woman was permitted to land. An unusual occurrence was the presence of five ocean going steamers in the harbour at one time, three being German, one British and one Norwegian. 26th, H. M. S. "Merlin", Capt. Learmonth, arrived from the West Coast, and left during the night for Darvel Bay to investigate reports as to the presence of Jikiri. Mr. A. B. C. Francis accompanied the ship to render assistance in interviewing natives and to give such local information as might be required. 28th, U. S. S. "Arayat" again visited the port. 29th, An affray in the town, in the course of which a Chinese domestic servant lost an eye, caused considerable local interest. 30th, H. M. S. "Merlin" returned from the East Coast.

Public Works.—The Supdt: reports the completion of the new Reservoir Dam, with the exception of the facing, on 21st. The Dining Room wing of old Government House, which has been converted into a very commodious house, was completed and occupied by myself on 28th. Reclamation work in Market Street progressed steadily, the work being done by a gang of 20 convicts. During the month the following works were undertaken. Repainting Offices, additional room to Fort House, Culvert bridge to Printing Office, repairs to bridges on Kabun China Road, remetalling and repairing of Leila Road. The Estimates for 1910 were prepared and sent in, and the office prepared a number of plans and specifications for buildings proposed for outstations during next year.

Customs and Harbour.—The June report on these departments contains comparative statements of revenue for the half years ending 30th June 1908 and 30th June 1909. As the report will go forward under separate cover it will suffice for me to mention the salient points. The volume of export trade has increased by \$4323 as compared with 1908. In reality the increase is a great deal more as the one item Estate

Tobacco shows a decrease of \$20,000. This is owing to tobacco being shipped sometimes just before and sometimes just after the end of the year. The three items Cutch, Camphor and Rotan account for \$25,000 increase. The import trade shows a decrease of \$22,462, the items spirit, wine and ironware being responsible. In spite of this decrease in the volume of import trade the duty on imports increased by over \$6,000. The total collections by the Sandakan Customs as against the corresponding period of 1908 were.

January—June 1908	\$71,028.72
" " 1909	79,089.84
Increase	\$ 8,060.84

A new Customs Tariff was gazetted on 7th June, by which the duty on Java Tobacco was reduced from 70c to 50c per kati, and the duty on cloth stuffs increased from 10 " to 15 " . In the Harbour Dept. the half year's collections are practically the same as last year and call for no special comment. Notification 116 of 1909 exempted from Harbour Dues all vessels calling exclusively for coal until 31st December 1910.

Kinabatangan.—The District Officer reports that the revenue of the District is \$1,185 better than for the corresponding period of last year, the actual figures being:—

January—June 1908	\$5812
" " 1909	6997
Increase	\$1185

An increase of \$500 appears under Rent Exclusive of Land and is accounted for by the increased royalty on the Batu Timbang Birds Nests Caves, the result of the recent visit of the D. O. to this inaccessible region. Registration of boats shows nearly \$400 better than 1908. The chief decreases are under Land Revenue, subheadings Quit-rent and Miscellaneous. The former item the District Officer accounts for by stating that the natives, being of a roving disposition, do not stay in one place for long. No sooner is their land surveyed and titles issued than they move elsewhere, and the Land Dept. is unable to keep pace with them. I am discussing with the District Officer a scheme to ensure that the natives pay a fair revenue for the use of their land. The second item, Miscellaneous, represents the value of confiscated jungle produce from non-licensed persons. The decrease points to the fact that the confiscations are proving effective. The District is quiet, and the D. O. reports excessively wet weather, which shows signs of ruining an exceptionally good fruit-crop.

Labak and Sugut.—I have not yet received the June Report.

General.—I visited the Hospital, Gaol, Reservoir and Markets during the month. I should like to note here that the work of the Magistrate's Court Sandakan, is steadily increasing. The total number of cases heard during June was 55. The total number of cases for the half year ending June 30th was 350 as against 272 for the corresponding period of 1908. The figures are.

Criminal Cases January—June 1908	180
Civil " " " "	92
Total	272
Criminal Cases January—June 1909	261
Civil " " " "	89
Total	350

This does not reckon adjourned cases as separate cases, and the figures show an increase of 78 or 28.7 " . During June a new Court Interpreter and a New Court Clerk were engaged, both of whom are satisfactorily reported on. Mr. W. W. Smith as Magistrate, being relieved on occasion by Mr. G. C. Irving. Two executions took place in the Gaol during June.

A. C. PEARSON,
Acting Resident.

Public Works Department, Sandakan.

JUNE.

Reservoir.—The wall of new dam was completed on the 21st and there now remains only the facing to do. The water will have to be run out to do this and also dam must be cleaned. This will not stop supply of water as I will fill lower tank with sufficient water for shipping. The prisoners are now engaged in clearing and enlarging the catchment area and dressing stones for damming up for Hospital and Government House supply tank.

Roads & Street.—Leila Road from the China-Borneo Co.'s Sawmills towards is shortly to be re-metalled. The materials are all deposited along the roadside and the breaking up of the road will be commenced soon. Kabun China Road is still in hand, being patched and lifted where necessary.

Bridges.—The Culvert Bridge near the Printing-Office is nearing completion. A couple of wooden bridges on the Kabun China Road have been repaired temporarily.

Minor Works.—The Matches Godown was started late in the month owing to the site not being definitely settled. A Special Vote was sanctioned for a Drawing Room to be added to "Fort House." This Building is 25 feet long by 15 feet broad with a 6' verandah all round, and is being built near the Flagstaff. It is to be a plank building with attap Roof. Access is gained from "Fort House" by a covered way 50 feet long by 5 feet broad. The work was started on the 20th, and progress is satisfactory.

Repainting Buildings.—The Government Offices are being repainted and work is nearly completed.

Town Drains.—A contract was signed for putting in a stone drain along Jalan Lima near the Ice works, one in Jalan Tiga and one in Lorong Tiga near its junction with Jalan Lima. Also a drain in front of the Government Offices. These works are a little delayed owing to the wet weather, but the stones are being dressed and stocked.

Alterations.—The converting of old Govt. House Dining Room into a house for the Resident is completed and the house has been painted. The Resident moved in on the 28th.

Town Improvements.—As usual. T. I. prisoners have been engaged in clearing round about Sandakan Town.

Office.—Plans and Estimates were prepared for the following: Additional Dining Room "Nook-House"; Additional Drawing Room "Fort House"; Spring Piles Tawao Wharf; Customs Clerks' Quarters Kudat; additions and alterations to Secretary's Quarters Jesselton. The Estimates for 1910 have also been prepared and sent in.

Reclamation.—This work is progressing fairly well. The retaining walls are almost up to the level and a good quantity of filling has been done.

ALBC. JOHNSTON,
Supt. of Public Works.

The Subscription to the *British North Borneo Herald* is \$3.50, and to the *British North Borneo Gazette* \$3.00 per annum. Payments can be made to the SECRETARY, Government Printing Office, Sandakan, and to our Agents as follows: Singapore and Hongkong \$3.50; Malacca, Calcutta, Kandy and Colombo, Rs 5; Australia and London, 6s.

Medical Department.

MAY.

SANDAKAN.

Civil Hospital.—There occurred in Sandakan 27 deaths; 22 males and 5 females. 13 births; 6 males and 7 females. Inpatients remained from previous month 37; admitted during the month 32. Total 69. Discharged during the month 38; died 3; transferred 1. Total 42. Remaining at the end of the month 27. Daily average of inpatients 29.4; outpatients 3.5.

Gael Hospital.—Remained from previous month 28; admitted during the month 25. Total 53. Discharged during the month 15; died 4; transferred 3. Total 22. Daily average of inpatients 30.0; outpatients 9.1.

J. S. MATTHEWS,
P.M.O.

JESSELTON.

Civil Hospital.—There occurred in the month 5 deaths; 3 males and 2 females. 2 births; 1 male and 1 female. Inpatients remained from previous month 9; admitted during the month 25. Total 34. Discharged during the month 20; transferred 2; absconded 1. Total 23. Remaining at the end of the month 11. Daily average of inpatients 11.64; outpatients 3.38.

Gael Hospital.—Remained 15; admitted 26; discharged 29; died 3; remaining 9; daily average of patients 10.83; outpatients 14.54.

C. F. GIDDY,
District Surgeon.

KUDAT.

Civil Hospital.—There occurred in Kudat 4 deaths, 4 males. 2 births; 1 male and 1 female. Inpatients remaining from the previous month 7; admitted during the month 6. Total 13. Discharged during the month 9. Total 9. Remaining at the end of the month 4. Daily average of inpatients 4.96; outpatients 1.

Gael Hospital.—Remaining 2; admitted 3. Total 5; discharged 5. Total 5. Daily average of inpatients. 7.4

F. A. HOLMDEN, Major,
District Surgeon.

TAWAO.

Civil Hospital.—During the month there were registered 4 births; 2 males and 2 females. 6 deaths, 5 males and 1 female. Remained from previous month 4. Discharged during the month 2. Remaining at the end of the month 2. Daily average of inpatients 2.87; outpatients 0.22.

C. T. SOONG,
Ag. Apothecary.

BEAUFORT.

Civil Hospital.—Remained in previous month 15; admitted during the month 11. Total 26. Discharged during the month 15; died during the month 1. Total 16; remaining at the end of the month 10. Daily average of inpatients 13; daily average of outpatients 5.

C. F. GIDDY,
District Surgeon.

JUNE.

SANDAKAN.

Civil Hospital.—There occurred in Sandakan 22 deaths; 18 male and 4 female. 11 births; 6 male and 5 female. Inpatients remained from previous month 27; admitted during the month 35. Total 62. Discharged during the month 28; died during the month 2. Total 30. Remaining at the end of the month 32. Daily average of inpatients 30.3; outpatients 4.1.

Gael Hospital.—Remained from previous month 27; admitted during the month 13. Total 40. Discharged during the month 18; remaining at the end of the month 22. Daily average of inpatients 26.6; outpatients 11.4.

F. A. HOLMDEN,
Major.

Protectorate and Immigration Department.

JULY.

During the month 181 coolies were registered in this District, viz 39 Chinese, 128 Javanese and 14 Malays; of these 22 Chinese were fresh arrivals from Singapore under contract for Batu Putih Estate and 74 Javanese from Samarang for Sekong Estate. The balance, viz 17 Chinese, 54 Javanese and the Malays were local engagements. A number of Chinese vagrants, mostly suffering from some sickness, were sent on here from Lahad Datu. Some of them being pronounced unfit for further manual labour were repatriated, the New Darvel Bay Tobacco Co. paying for those for whom they were responsible. For the others, after a course of treatment, work is being found here. Arrangements have just been completed and contracts signed in my Office for the planting up of Pulo Bai, the large island in Sandakan Bay, formerly the property of the late W. B. Pryer, Esq. and recently purchased by a Chinese firm. Satisfactory reports are to hand from the Rubber Estates, and steady progress is being made.

W. H. PENNEY,

Protector.

Kudat.

MAY.

H. E. the Governor passed through Kudat by s.s. *Durvel* on May 16th en route to Jesselton. Mr. M. M. Clark, Superintendent of Customs arrived by the same steamer and remained about a week on duty. On the 22nd s.s.v. *Petrel* came into port to take up Major Holmden and Mr. M. M. Clark. The Superintendent of Public Works arrived on duty and left on 29th inst. During his visit we inspected the roads, which were much more satisfactory than I expected from reports received. We also went into various matters.—Wharf, Town drains, repairs to Treasurer's house, and Rest House, etc. On the 24th the flagstaff was dressed, the Police were paraded and a "feu-de-joue" was fired in honour of "Victoria Day." The children of Kudat sang the "Empire Song" and "God save the King," and were afterwards presented with a memento of the occasion, they were also regaled with cake and fruit. On the 25th inst. s.s.v. *Petrel* returned with Major Holmden and left at once for Sandakan. U. S. cutter *Scota* came in at 7 a.m. from Balabac and left in evening. On the 29th inst. I left for Taritipan by request of H. E. the Governor and forwarded report under separate cover. During the month the P. W. D. coolies have been working on the upper road and the Prisoners have been felling and clearing timber on Residency Hill to make way for rubber planting. There has been no crime and there are no cases for the Sessions Court. The general health of the District has been fair, but there has been some sickness—chiefly fever. The health of the Police has been good. The health of the prisoners has also been good. I attach statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the month.

A. W. ROUTLEDGE,

Acting Resident.

Marudu District.

APRIL & MAY.

I regret that my absence from here during the latter month prevented my complying with the Secretary's Circular 355/09, which will be carefully observed in future.

District.—The greater part of April I was kept busy at Timbang Batu with Court and Office work. I held a Coroner's Inquest at Bongon Estate on Easter Monday, a contract coolie having died the previous evening. There were no marks of violence on the body, but deceased proved to have been dealt a blow within the region of the spleen—probably diseased and ruptured. The offender was a fellow Chinaman who received the full penalty for voluntarily causing hurt—

this being the only charge that warranted a conviction under the circumstances. A week later a similar offence was committed on the same Estate. This time with less disaster though more violence, in consideration of which the sentence was only one year's R.I. On the 20th April I reached Tanjong Batu overlaid at 8 a.m. for the purpose of inspecting the construction of the telephone line to Pitas. Beyond Marau-masing, I found only an apology for a rentis, which was deficient in width, badly cut and not cleared. Also out of some 250 poles, 16 had to be substituted and 17 altered. With great difficulty I arrived at Pingan-Pingan, a distance of barely seven miles, by noon. The B. B. Exploration Co. were then in the act of commencing boring operations, owing to the presence of copper indications at this place. Mr. Gardyne is in charge of the diamond drill, which was in action within a month of being landed despite the steep hill that had to be surmounted behind Serip Doya's village. The day I was there, Messrs. K. W. Clarke and Plummer paid a visit from Tanjong Batu, where the Manager had thoughtfully waited to convey me by launch. I need hardly add that the disappointment was no less mine by having to traverse an incomplete rentis, which I pursued the same afternoon as far as Mempakad. I lost no time in interviewing Mr. E. Walker upon the disgraceful state of his so-called rentis, for which he contracted at one dollar per post. I am glad to add, however, that he has since made some effort to improve its condition. Mr. Lambert, who kindly put me up for the night, informed me that his Company are doubling the plant of the Cutch Works in order to cope with increasing orders. On hand there is one for 1,200 tons, of which one hundred have been supplied, and a local contract for 1,000 bags, each containing one cwt., besides smaller orders amounting to about 150 tons. During April and May the out-put of Cutch was 71 and 69 tons respectively, which must be gratifying indeed to the local management. From a district point of view it is equally pleasing to record that, with the additional quantity of firewood consumed by the works day and night, a large fleet of native craft is being actively employed now at Mempakad. After settling a couple of cases I walked to Kusilad next morning, and noticed with satisfaction the superior 200 old posts erected by Pitas Estate (N. L. B. T. Co., Ltd.) at 50 cents each. To account for the difference in price rather than workmanship, there was comparatively little rentising necessary between Kusilad and Mempakad compared with Mr. E. Walker's undertaking. On the 22nd I enquired into an accusation against Di Gadong Ayu of marrying a widow whom he has previously regarded as his daughter, but as the entire village denied the assertion, I dismissed the complaint. Having checked the Clerk's accounts, I went on to Pitas Estate, to dispose of a couple of cases and register coolies, returning the day after. I spent the 26th at Runau trying cases, which included one of forgery by a Javanese, who received two years' R.I. The following morning I attested the contracts of 244 coolies (all Chinese) on Bandau Estate. Next week was taken up with accounts and official correspondence. On 6th May, Mr. Reid came over from Kudat as Official Administrator to sue various debtors to the estate of Chi Nie Kie, deceased. Court and Office work lasted until the 13th, when I received a telegram from Kota Belud that a Dusun prisoner had escaped, having been sentenced to two years' R.I. for buffalo theft. I notified the surrounding villages, with the result that he was recaptured eventually by Gunting. The latter has been here three or four times this year, since when I have succeeded in persuading him to accept the responsibilities of a paid chief. I registered coolies at Bongon Estate on the 24th, and the following morning Kusilad telephoned that a patrol had turned up from Paitan in quest of one named Panimbang. Upon being arrested, this orang tua confessed to having assisted Musah, who he alleged was in hiding close to Aliku, which the

police had only just left. To save time I supplemented the patrol with two P.C.'s on the spot, and told them to start off with the others post-haste. The 16th being hari bear on the Estates and Sunday withal, I went across to Kudat for a change. The District Surgeon accompanied me back next morning, and examined a prisoner suffering from dysentery. I regret this patient failed to recover and died two days later. Deceased was a Chinaman living at Pengkalan Bongon, where he had been caught gambling illicitly. On the 18th I received a telegram from the Secretary advising me to proceed to Afiku, where I found upon arrival that Musah had long since left. I have already submitted a report upon the result of my investigation and action during the remainder of the month, by the end of which Musah had been traced to Tangkaranan but no further.

Trade.—Returns for Jungle Produce for the last two months show increased traffic in damar, 223 piculs; rotan, 118 piculs; and india-rubber, 8 piculs.

Revenue.—For April and May amounts to \$934.03 and \$975.46 respectively. The following items have already reached the figures estimated for the current year:—Buyers of Jungle Produce (\$300), Dog Licenses (\$151), Registration of Boats (468), Registration of Contracts (\$430) and Poll-Tax (\$2,081). Also this year's total receipts up to date are close on \$2,000 more than those for the corresponding period of either the previous years, as compared hereunder:—

	1909.	1908.	1907.
1st Jan.—31st May	\$4,759.91	\$3,096.15	\$2,921.85
Datoh Undok's a/c	261.10	224.10	210.00

\$5,021.01 \$3,320.25 \$3,131.85

Judicial.—There were 14 Civil suits, in which the claims aggregated \$826.59, and 22 Criminal cases involving 27 persons. Of these 24 were convicted, one acquitted, one discharged and one committed to the Sessions.

Land.—The extent of Mr. E. Walker's property at Mompakud was defined in April by Mr. Heherr, who also surveyed another 1,000 acres for Mr. H. Walker, at Taritipan, in May.

Telegraphs.—Ranau Operator reports that interruptions occurred in this section of the main line on the 6th, 20th and 30th April, on which dates there was considerable lightning. There was practically no hitch during May, when an Assistant Machinist was sent at my request to overhaul the various telephones in this district. Communication beyond Tanjong Batu has been imperfect, owing I fear to the number of telephones and only a single line. To reduce the calling distances, I have applied to the Superintendent for a second instrument at the above Station.

Estates.—While suspense and delay resulted from the drought in April, when Tobacco planting remained at a standstill practically, conspicuous progress was made with the plentiful rains during May. The N. L. B. T. Co. shipped 1,248 bales the former month and 1,730 bales the latter month. This is the last of the 1908 crop, and makes all together 7,723 bales including 121 bales of rubbish which is not being sold on the market. On 18th May, the following prices were obtained by:—Bandau, 1.33 (206 bales) and 1.03 (9 bales); Bongon, 1.33 (240 bales) and 0.49 (248 bales); Itanau, 0.63 (253 bales). There has been a lot of sickness lately amongst the coolies, especially at Pitas, and at Bongon several cases of beri-beri have occurred.

General.—The Easter holidays passed by unobserved except for a farewell tiffin given to Dr. Conyngham by the Head Manager at Ranau. Dr. Ludwigs is doing *locum tenens* meanwhile. Mr. J. Volkers, Manager of Pitas Estate, has also gone on leave, being relieved by Mr. C. L. P. Meterlckamp about the middle of May.

L. H. Woods,
District Officer.

East Coast.

MAY.

The first days of the month I went up the coast visiting Tunku and Tambisan in the S. Y. Petrel with a view to hearing news as to Jekiri. From later news in the month it appears this man has returned to the island of Sulu, and is being closely surrounded by the police, but it appears likely that he may yet, if things get too hot for him, try to get over to some of our islands. From Tambisan I went on to Sandakan to get money, and on my return sent back the Petrel as ordered. On the 6th I received a letter from the Manager of the Cowie Harbour Co. asking me to come down at once, as trouble was apprehended with their free labour. Leaving the same night, and picking up the D. O. at Tawao, I reached the mines the following evening. After a careful investigation, I could see no reason why trouble should be expected, as the free labour can make money too easily to want to cause trouble. The trouble is that the management want them to work more days, but, owing to the rate of pay and the class of coolie employed, they find that they can get a comfortable living by working a few days a week, hence they decline to work more. On my return journey I visited Simporna, Gaya island, Omdal, and the villages on the Trusan. On going round Gaya I found about twenty four boats settled in one of the small creeks; these I cleared out to Omdal, the place they had been allowed to go to when leaving Bum-Bun island. I found that all but two villages had moved; the Chiefs of these two I saw, and advised them to move. On my return the Asst District Officer left in the *Chantek* for Simporna, and remained there until the end of the month. After a few days in Lahad Datu, I left for Segama Estate, and from there visited the lower Estates where a certain amount of work awaited me. On the 23rd I left for Tawao where a case from the Ulu Sarudong was waiting to be heard. During the run down the *Chantek* broke down, and kept doing so until I returned to Lahad Datu, where temporary repairs were made; but at the end of June she will have to be sent to Sandakan. On my way to Simporna from Tawao, I came across two Chinese settled at the Quallu Koempang, these I sent back to Tawao; and in Simporna another Chinese was removed to Lahad Datu for continually going to and stopping in the islands against orders. On this visit I found that the last of the villages had moved, and now there remains nothing but to get them to settle down in the new places. Of Lahad Datu there is little to say, everything going on quietly. A young Sulu stabbed his wife, and then committed suicide. No reason could be adduced, though, from reports, it appears likely that it was done in a fit of madness, as some years ago he stabbed another wife. The woman was taken to hospital, and has recovered. I regret to say that the customs receipts are below the estimate, but, with the present state of trade, that can hardly be wondered at. The first large sale of Birds-nests took place this month. The prices were fair, but slightly lower than last year. The Collectors put the blame on the Government for selling by auction but that is not the case, the prices are lower because of the Hong-kong prices. A new road opening up the back lots to the Gawa Gawa road was completed by the prisoners. This was needed as the owners of these lots had no means of bringing produce to market, except by courtesy of the owners of front lots.

FRED. W. FRANKS,
Resident of the E. C.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

To the Editor, *British North Borneo Herald*.

EDITOR, "HERALD,"

It may interest some of your readers to hear that the *Kalmia* 170 tons net of the Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij, running between Makassar and Dutch Borneo called at Tawao for the second time on 21st August and is now scheduled to arrive every 4 weeks. She comes from Celebes to Samarinda, up the East Coast *via* Baran, Bulungan, Tarakan and Nonokan to Tawao and back, omitting Nonokan, by the same route to Makassar. The connection with the Java-Singapore mail boat seems to be at Samarinda. It is of course doubtful if the trade will offer sufficient inducement to call at Tawao.

Your Obedient Servant.

F. J. MOYSEY.

Tawao,
24-8-09.

SHIPPING RETURNS.

ARRIVALS.

Aug. 15	s.s.	<i>Marudu</i> , 902, Kudat, 8 saloon & 24 deck.
" 18	"	<i>Tringgann</i> , 600, Jolo, 3 deck.
" 19	"	<i>Normanhurst</i> , 56, Batu Puteh.
" 20	"	<i>Borneo</i> , 1,344, Hongkong, 2 saloon and 47 deck.
" 21	"	<i>Marudu</i> , 902, Lahad Datu, 16 deck.
" 23	"	<i>Labuan</i> , 120, Kudat, 3 saloon & 25 deck.
" 24	"	<i>Borneo</i> , 87, Jolo, 1 deck.
" "	"	<i>Kimanis</i> , 30, Tawao, 4 deck.
" 27	"	<i>Normanhurst</i> , 56, Sebattek, 3 deck.
" 28	"	<i>Labuan</i> , 120, Lahad Datu, 2 saloon and 19 deck.
" "	"	<i>Heim</i> , 758, Cebu.
" 29	"	<i>Darcel</i> , 899, Kudat, 6 saloon & 61 deck.
" "	"	<i>Fri</i> , 860, Surabaya.

DEPARTURES.

Aug. 15	v.s.s.	<i>Skua</i> , 50, Jolo.
" 16	s.s.	<i>Marudu</i> , 902, Lahad Datu, 23 deck.
" 17	"	<i>Labuan</i> , 120, Kudat, 25 deck.
" "	"	<i>Normanhurst</i> , 56, Batu Puteh, 4 deck.
" 18	"	<i>Tringgann</i> , 600, Singapore.
" 19	"	<i>Mausang</i> , 1,644, Hongkong.
" 21	"	<i>Marudu</i> , 902, Kudat.
" "	"	<i>Normanhurst</i> , 56, Simporna, 9 deck.
" 24	"	<i>Labuan</i> , 120, Lahad Datu, 24 deck.
" 29	"	<i>Heim</i> , 758, Saigon.
" "	"	<i>Fri</i> , 860, Hongkong.
" 30	"	<i>Darcel</i> , 899, Zamboanga.

METEOROLOGICAL RETURNS.

JESSELTON.						BEAUFORT.						
JULY.						JULY.						
DATE.	Maximum in shade.	Minimum in shade.	Mean.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Rainfall.	Maximum in shade.	Minimum in shade.	Mean.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Rainfall.
1	88	76	82	87	77		90	75	82	85	81	1.49
2	86	74	81	86	76		92	78	85	87	80	1.6
3	87	75	81	81	76	2.12	90	73	81	84	80	0.9
4	88	74	81	85	75	.02	92	74	88	82	80	
5	87	74	80	84	78		88	77	82	84	82	
6	89	75	82	86	77	.10	91	75	83	86	81	.34
7	86	76	81	82	78		89	78	81	90	82	
8	88	74	81	81	77		88	73	80	83	79	
9	89	78	81	84	78		89	78	81	83	80	1.45
10	88	74	81	86	77		90	74	82	90	84	
11	87	76	81	83	77		92	76	84	84	82	
12	89	75	82	85	76		89	73	81	83	81	
13	88	75	81	84	77		91	78	82	88	83	
14	87	76	81	77	74	1.40	86	70	78	82	83	
15	86	74	80	83	75	.17	89	77	83	85	86	.55
16	88	74	81	84	77	.04	88	70	79	86	79	.39
17	87	75	81	80	78	.94	90	72	80	76	75	.21
18	88	76	82	79	76		90	72	81	79	80	.35
19	86	73	79	82	77	.06	89	74	81	84	78	
20	89	75	82	83	77		91	76	83	88	81	.70
21	87	74	80	84	78	.03	90	70	80	82	79	.36
22	88	75	81	81	75		82	71	76	83	79	1.77
23	89	75	82	76	74	.50	85	70	77	84	80	.87
24	86	76	81	78	74	1.20	85	73	79	82	78	.55
25	87	75	81	80	74	.86	86	72	78	84	80	.22
26	89	74	81	86	76		88	74	80	85	80	.95
27	90	76	83	87	76		88	74	81	81	80	
28	89	75	82	85	77		89	75	82	89	84	
29	87	74	80	81	76		88	71	79	88	84	
30	89	75	82	85	77		87	72	79	88	82	
31	90	77	83	86	78		89	73	81	90	84	

Average Maximum 87.67
Minimum 74.83
Total Rainfall 7.44 inch.

Average Maximum 88.87
Minimum 78.82
Total Rainfall 9.90 inch.

KUDAT.

JULY.						JULY.						
DATE.	Maximum in shade.	Minimum in shade.	Mean.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Rainfall.	Maximum in shade.	Minimum in shade.	Mean.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Rainfall.
1	85	75	80	85	76	.42	85	75	80	77	74	.02
2	85	75	80	83	77		86	77	81	76	75	
3	87	74	80	82	76		86	75	81	81	76	
4	86	75	80	84	77	.37	87	78	82	81	76	.10
5	85	75	80	84	76	.23	85	75	80	77	78	1.80
6	89	71	80	82	76	.16	83	72	77	78	75	
7	86	78	79	84	75		86	75	80	80	76	.42
8	85	75	80	80	77	.21	86	75	80	79	76	
9	87	75	81	82	78		84	75	80	79	76	.87
10	85	78	81	84	77		87	75	81	78	76	.44
11	87	75	81	83	76		85	75	80	79	75	.12
12	86	75	82	85	78		87	78	82	80	75	
13	86	76	82	84	77		87	78	82	79	76	1.10
14	90	77	88	84	77		88	77	82	79	75	
15	90	78	81	82	77		85	74	79	79	75	.35
16	92	75	83	82	77	1.15	86	78	82	81	77	
17	86	74	80	83	77	1.00	85	76	80	78	75	.40
18	89	75	82	84	77		87	76	81	78	74	.55
19	85	76	80	84	77		83	75	79	76	74	.05
20	89	75	82	82	77		85	76	81	80	75	
21	88	78	80	79	77	1.85	86	77	81	81	76	.68
22	85	75	80	78	76	.10	86	76	81	79	75	.83
23	88	72	80	77	76	.10	85	78	81	80	76	.62
24	85	74	79	77	76	.17	86	77	81	81	76	
25	86	71	78	78	77		86	77	81	79	76	
26	87	76	81	84	75		87	79	83	81	77	1.12
27	89	75	82	84	76		86	76	81	80	75	
28	89	75	82	85	77		86	76	81	80	76	.65
29	88	77	82	84	74	.12	85	76	80	79	75	
30	91	73	82	84	76		86	78	82	79	76	
31	87	74	80	84	77		87	76	81	81	76	

Average Maximum 87.38
Minimum 74.41
Total Rainfall 5.88 inch.

Average Maximum 85.8
Minimum 76.2
Total Rainfall 9.36 inch.

IN THE SESSIONS COURT OF BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

CITATION.

In the property of SIEU LONG
TAI (female) late of Papar,
deceased.

In the matter of the petition of Chan Fook
of Papar for the grant of letters of administra-
tion without Will annexed relating to the
property of the above deceased.

ALL PERSONS claiming to have any
interest in the said estate are hereby cited to
come and see the proceedings or to file any
objection to the grant of the said petition
within thirty days from the date hereof.

F. K. BARNABAS,
Registrar of the Court.

Court House,
Jesselton, the 16th August, 1909. 150.

IN THE SESSIONS COURT OF BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

In the goods of ROBERT
McGECHEAN late Manager
of Bakau works, Sanda-
kan, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors
and other persons having any claims or demands
against the Estate of the above mentioned
deceased, who died on the 20th day of Decem-
ber, 1907, at Greenock in Scotland, are hereby
required to send to me in writing the particulars
of their claims or demands on or before 30th
day of September, 1909.

And notice is also hereby given that on or
after the last mentioned date I will proceed to
distribute the assets of the said Robert McGechan
deceased among the persons entitled thereto,
having only regard to the debts, claims and
demands of which I shall have had notice, and
that I will not be liable for the assets or any
part thereof so distributed to any person or
persons of whose debt, claim or demand, I
shall not then have had notice.

And notice is further also hereby given
that all persons indebted to the said deceased are
required to pay forthwith the amount of their
debt to the undersigned.

Dated at Sandakan, 25th day of August,
1909.

WALTER GEORGE DARBY,
*Attorney for ISABELLA McGECHAN,
Administratrix.*

158.

RUBBER

estates which are in want of coolies should send in
their orders at once and take advantage of the

LOW PRICES RULING NOW.

THE STRAITS IMMIGRATION SYNDICATE,
Singapore, 43-B, Raffles Place.

WANTED.

Native Demarcator required: accurate sur-
veyor, neat and accurate plotter. Apply
stating salary required,

Manager,
Sapong Estate,
Tenom.

F. E. LEASE,
Manager.

162.

NOTICE OF SALE.

The business called and known as chop
Lee Hong Chan being about to be closed, offers
are kindly invited for all or any of the follow-
ing properties belonging thereto, viz:—

Shop-houses in Sandakan and Tawao;
Stock-in-trade as well as goods and effects at
Sandakan and its branches; Book-debts (about
\$25,000) due and owing to the said firm.

Reasonable offers will be accepted by Tan
Chiap Pow, managing Partner of chop Lee
Hong Chan.

And all Creditors are hereby notified and
requested to send in their claims on or before
the 31st day of October, 1909; and all Debtors
to pay in their outstanding debts without fur-
ther delay.

Chop LEE HONG CHAN.
Sandakan,
30th August, 1909. 164.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Granville
Joseph Altman has resigned his position as
General Manager of the above Co., and that
the Power of Attorney authorizing him to act
on behalf of said Co., was cancelled on 13th
May, 1909.

for THE NORTH BORNEO TRADING CO., LTD.
W. E. ROBERTS,
Director and Attorney.
Sandakan,
23rd August, 1909. 165.

NOTICE.

To be sold by Public Auction by instruction of

THE MORTGAGEE.

1. All that piece of land, registered in the Land Office as Sandakan Town Lot No. 62, containing in extent 8,712 square feet, together with the building thereon called and known as "THE SANDAKAN HOTEL" held on a 999 years lease.

2. All that piece of land registered in the Land Office as Sandakan Town Lot No. 293, containing 8,917 square feet together with all buildings, if any, thereon, held on a 999 years lease.

3. All that piece of land registered in the Land Office as Sandakan Town Lot No. 298, containing 80.37 square feet, held on a 999 years lease.

The above will be sold by Public Auction at the West End of the Sandakan Hotel

IN ONE LOT

at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 20th day of September, 1909

GO BUCK LIM,
Licensed Auctioneer.

Sandakan,
21st August, 1909.

N.B.—Particulars and conditions of sale of the above may be obtained on application to the above signed or to Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell, Solicitors for the Vendor.

159.

NOTICE.

THE SABAH STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

THE Directors of the above Company having decided to issue First Mortgage Debenture Bonds to the extent of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars), bearing interest at the rate of Nine per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, on the 31st March and 30th September in each year, the undersigned will be glad to allot such Bonds to applicants, in the order of application, until the issue is complete. The Bonds, which will be secured by a primary charge on all the properties of the Company, will be for One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each, payable to bearer, and redeemable at any time (subject to Six Months Notice) after the expiry of Five Years from the 30th September next.

Applications will be received by, and further particulars may be obtained from the undersigned.

DARBY & COMPANY,
Agents.

Sandakan, B. N. Borneo,
12th July, 1909.

130.

NOTICE OF SALE.

LARGE FISHING CONCERN.

TWO large three-masted fishing boats and 17 small fishing boats together with all paraphernalia consisting of fishing-nets and appliances for deep sea fishing etc. as well as Sandakan Suburban Lot Nos. 122 and 122 A. (a foreshore of 150 yards) with large substantial salt fish drying stages and out houses all covered with corrugated iron situated at Budi Sim-Sim.

The estimated value is about \$30,000.

For further particulars apply to:—

MAN WOO LOONG & Co.,
SANDAKAN.
134.

16th July, 1909.

NOTICE OF SALE.

OFFERS are kindly invited for a Large Fishing Concern at Sandakan, consisting of 4 large three-masted fishing boats and 20 small fishing boats (manned by 90 experienced coolie fishermen) together with all paraphernalia consisting of fishing nets and appliances for deep sea fishing, as well as a substantial salt fish drying stage and adjoining large atapp shed divided into 7 rooms, situate on the Leila Road, of the estimated value of \$34,800.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS APPLY TO

Chop KWONG LENG SENG,
Sandakan.

14th June, 1909.

119.

REWARD.

THE British Borneo Exploration Company, Limited, is prepared to give a reward of \$10,000 (Singapore currency) payable as mentioned below, for each discovery of a deposit of valuable mineral such as Gold, Tin, Copper, Iron, Coal, Precious Stones, etc., (Manganese and Coal in the district of Marudu Bay, Coal within the concession of the Covie Harbour Coal Company Limited, and Oil excepted) within the State of British North Borneo provided such mineral deposit has not been previously located.

The payment of the above reward shall be as follows: \$1,000 after the Company is satisfied of the value of the find, and that it is a new discovery: and the balance of \$9,000 on the exploitation of the mineral on a commercial basis.

Samples of minerals discovered, and full particulars as to locality, etc., to be forwarded to

The British Borneo Exploration
Company, Limited,
TARITIPAX,
MARUDU BAY.

66.09.

Mempakul.

MAY.

Customs.—The sago industry is still handicapped by the drought and as little sago has been brought down the imports are lower than is usual. The Superintendent of Customs paid Mempakul a visit and several questions were discussed. There have been a few prosecutions under the Customs Proclamation for minor offences and convictions were obtained. The Coast has been well patrolled on the Weston side during the month without result. On dark nights it is, of course, impossible to see small boats and, no doubt, much smuggling is done by this means.

Police.—The men are more up to their work than before but still leave something to be desired. Two constables were removed and replaced by reliefs from Beaufort. One constable was enlisted locally, he having had experience in Labuan. A small patrol was sent to Kurukan and district.

Public Works.—Repairs are still being done to the D.O.'s house and the Barracks. The bridge over the Mempakul river is being repaired and the Station grounds have been cleared up.

Judicial.—There were no cases of importance during the month. A case was reported of buffalo theft in Busdu and is now being enquired into. The enforcement of the Branding Proclamation led to several disputes as to the ownership of cattle, but these have been satisfactorily settled.

Telegraphs.—The line has not been interrupted during May. I have found the work of the Kurukan—Mempakul gang unsatisfactory and have dismissed the Mandore. In future the coolies will have their headquarters in Mempakul.

General.—I was absent from the Station for only 6 days during the month, being unable to get away owing to the preparation of Estimates. The clerk paid a visit to Kwalla Penyut to collect the accounts. Most of the buffaloes in Kurukan have now been branded. Many buffaloes have been sent to Sipitong and are bought by Muruts from Province Clarke. The new Customs boat arrived but is at present useless as there is no money with which to rig her. Two pikuls of pepper from the garden were sold, but the price was not satisfactory. I have written in separately with regard to the large export of timber for the Labuan Coal Mines, which pays no rent. The s.s. *Pren* came in twice for timber and the a.s.v. *Petrel* called for a few hours to take Messrs. Clark and Stokes to Labuan. I have at last received a definite answer from the Chinese with regard to the rebuilding of Menumbuk and work will start as soon as possible.

REVENUE RETURNS.

Timber Passes, Land Revenue	\$36.20
Cocconut Rents, Rents exclusive of Land	6.00
Fire Arms Licenses	2.00
Slaughter Fees	10.50
Theatres, &c.	2.00
Hawkers' Licenses	10.00
Miscellaneous	
(Braodring & Tobacco)	74.80
Exports Customs	417.51
Imports	419.60
Sale of Boat Numbers Port & Harbour	0.10
Registration of Boats	7.00
" Fisheries	7.00
Criminal Fines, &c. Fines & Fees	58.25
Poll-Tax,	7.20

Total \$1,127.16

W. C. M. WEDDON,
District Officer.

Tenom.

MAY.

I left Tambunan on 29th April for Ranau. The bridle-path to Pata-Patau and Korokot is exceedingly good, there are several rivers which have to be forded which is unavoidable; the path does credit to the Officer who laid it out. From Mesago to Renagong, the path is only 3 ft. wide which makes it rather awkward going in some parts, this is being widened to 6 ft. and is nearly completed. The path from Mesago to Ranau is very well laid out also and it passes through a beautiful country, all hilly. There are innumerable villages dotted on the opposite slopes of the hills. The natives here go in for cultivating tobacco, which they find a ready sale for. I met some natives from the Sagut who had come up here to purchase tobacco to take back to their own country and some from Inowantie were going to Kalagan on the Labuk to find a market, as they were under the impression they would obtain better prices. At Renagong, I found a very nice rest house built by Mr. Maxwell Hall; the elevation here must be between 5000 and 6000 feet I should imagine, an ideal place for a Sanatorium, the scenery is as beautiful and grand as I have ever seen in this country. I met several Chiefs, amongst them Guak of Menubait who impresses one very favourably. The path from here to Ranau is of the full width and in some parts much too wide. At Ranau I found a very spacious building, consisting of Office and Barrack built all in one, in a very bad state of repairs. I saw Mr. Jones' grave which I regret is not kept in very good order. I should recommend that what is left of his bones be exhumed and taken to Sandakan or Jesselton and be buried with funeral rites, which they have not received. I think this is the least that can be done for an old officer whose devotion and service we old Officers can well remember and appreciate. Whilst here I enquired into the death of Otong, which occurred last year, when the Tambunan patrol was here patrolling beyond Parauabangan during the Paitan trouble. I found no cause or evidence to implicate any of them concerned in the matter. On the 7th I started on my return journey. At Tambunan a disease amongst buffaloes was reported, commonly called "butong" by the natives. Four deaths had occurred; measures were taken to prevent the spread of the disease and the symptoms were fully described and sent to the District Surgeon. The A. D. O. reported a few more deaths and that the epidemic had ceased. On my arrival at Kaulingau I met Mr. Maxwell Hall who had made a detour from his District and came out here; he describes his journey fully in his report. He accompanied me back to Tenom where we arrived by the morning train of the 15th. On 17th a Tandil on Sapong Estate was cut down by a coolie. I proceeded there at once to take his statement down as Mr. Lease informed me that he had 30 wounds and I returned to Tenom the same day. Mr. Woolley D. O. Province Clarke came up to confer re Linggam, who is at present hiding in the Ulu Padas; it was arranged that we should try and get him to come in before any further steps were taken. Two Murut Police were, during my absence, accused of stealing whilst on duty; I dealt with their case and sent them down to Jesselton to undergo their sentences. From 20th to 23rd I was busy and felt compelled to wire for the District Surgeon. I must record my thanks to Mr. Lease who supplied me with necessary medicines. The District Surgeon visited Tenom on 27th. The A. D. O. Tambunan reported an amok at Katuntul; two were killed and two wounded and the amokker is still at large. On 29th I inspected some bridges which had been erected on the bridle path some 2 miles off and in the afternoon proceeded to Sapong Estate. Mr. Lease took me over a good part of his Estate. His rubber is looking very well; he is tapping next year and is increasing his area. Tobacco planting would be started near the end of next month; health of coolies good. I returned to Tenom on 31st.

E. H. BARRAUT, Resident.

Tenders for Revenue Farms.

Tenders are invited for the lease of Revenue Farms in the State of North Borneo from the 1st January, 1910, as set out hereunder.

REVENUE FARMS IN THE STATE OF NORTH BORNEO.

1. In making arrangements for the leasing of the Farms for the next Farm period of 1910, 1911 and 1912, the Government reserves to itself the right of vesting the Farms (as provided in the Proclamations concerned as named in Schedule A appended) in any person, by public or private sale as may be thought fit.

Subject to the above reservation it is hereby notified that tenders will be received at the Office of the Secretary to the Governor, Sandakan, up to 12 o'clock noon, on the 1st day of October, 1909, for the purchase of the exclusive privileges of the Farms described below for a period of one, two or three years commencing on the 1st January, 1910.

2. Any person either for himself alone or for himself and others, may, either in person or by agent duly accredited in writing, on any date prior to the said noon of the 1st October next, submit to the said Secretary at Sandakan, any tender he may think fit for all or any of the Farms, provided such tender is in conformity with the terms of tendering hereinafter set out and fulfils all the conditions required of the Farmer.

All tenders so made will (except at the express wish of the tenderers to the contrary) be received and treated by the Government as strictly confidential.

On receiving any such tender, Government reserves to itself the right of deciding whether it shall be considered or not.

If Government decides not to consider the tender, it will be returned to the tenderer under sealed cover.

All tenders accepted for consideration by Government will be, in the first instance, retained by Government for further consideration with the tenders handed in on 1st October, 1909, which will be opened at noon on that date, after which the successful tenderer will be selected.

3. The Farms, above referred to, are:—

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.—Opium, Spirit, Gambling and Pawnbroking, as follows:—

(a) in one concession for the whole State.

(b) in one concession for any of the following Districts of the State, the limits named including the interior territory watered by the rivers within the limits given respectively:—

(i) SANDAKAN DISTRICT.—the Territory bounded on the one side by the true right watershed of the Kinabatangan River and on the other by the true left watershed of the Paitan River.

(ii) KUDAT DISTRICT.—the Territory bounded on the one side by the true left watershed of the Paitan River and on the other by the true right watershed of the Pindasan River.

(iii) WEST COAST DISTRICT.—the Territory bounded on the one side by the true right watershed of the Pindasan River and on the other by the northern boundary of Province Clarke.

(iv) EAST COAST DISTRICT.—the Territory bounded on the one side by the true right watershed of the Kinabatangan River and on the other by the Dutch Boundary on the South at Broershoek point.

(v) PROVINCE CLARKE.—being the Territory between Batu-Batu and the Lawas northern watershed.

4. The attention of those desirous of tendering is drawn to the following terms:—

(a) The tenderer must state in his tender the annual sum offered for the Farm rent for the three years 1910, 1911 and 1912; a different sum may be offered for the first, second and third years respectively. The tenderer must also clearly state the proportion of the amount of the Rent to be allotted to each separate Farm.

(b) The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender, and reserves to itself the right of making any arrangements it may deem advisable as regards the letting of the Farms.

(c) Each tenderer should specify in full, in English, and in the vernacular language of the tenderer, the names, residences and occupations of the persons tendering, and similar information regarding any security or any partner that the tenderer wishes to propose.

(d) The successful tenderer will be called upon to enter into a contract under the provisions of the Proclamations named in Schedule A appended.

(e) Copies of the Forms of Contracts for the Farms may be seen on application at the Offices of the said Secretary, at Sandakan, or of Messrs. Guthrie & Co., at Singapore, or of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., at Hongkong.

(f) The successful tenderer will be required to deposit with the Finance Commissioner, Sandakan, security to the value of three months' Farm rent by means of a deposit of money to the amount of one month's Farm rent, and of title deeds to the amount of two months' Farm rent.

(g) The retail rates for Chandu fixed by Government for the Opium Farm for 1910, 1911 and 1912 are those specified below:—

Per tahil	..	\$ 2 40
" chi	..	00 30
" 5 hun packet	..	00 15
" 4 " "	..	00 12
" 3 " "	..	00 09½
" 2 " "	..	00 06½

(h) The Opium Farmer is responsible for seeing that Chandu is not sold by retail at the Opium Farm or at the Opium Farm shops at prices higher than those fixed by Government and named above (g).

The Opium and Spirit Farmers may fix their own prices for supplying the Opium and Spirit Farm Shops wholesale with Chandu and Spirits.

(i) During the continuance of the Farm period, the Opium and Spirit Farmers will be entitled to the use of a Trade-mark (to be approved by Government) to be affixed to any Opium or Chandu prepared by them, and to any vessel containing Spirits for sale.

(j) As soon as the new Farmers have been appointed by the Governor, they will be required to submit in writing to the Secretary to the Governor at Sandakan a Schedule showing full particulars as to the Title Deeds they propose to deposit with the Government as security for the said two months' Farm rent. If these are considered satisfactory, the new Farmers will be required to execute a mortgage of the property to the Government as provided for by law.

(k) The Farmer for the West Coast may be required to rent certain Farm buildings at Jesselton.

(l) The following Proclamations govern the conduct of the Farms in B. N. Borneo viz:—

Schedule A.

The Opium Proclamation No. 16 of 1901 as amended by No. 7 of 1904.

The Liquors Proclamation No. 17 of 1901.

The Pawnbrokers Proclamation No. 14 of 1902 as amended by No. 1 of 1903, and No. 3 of 1906.

The Gambling Proclamation No. 8 of 1891.

CUSTOMS NOTICE.

Sale of unclaimed and over due goods lying in the Sandakan Customs bonded stores, under Section 12 of Proclamation I. of 1902, and Notification 196/06.

The undermentioned goods will be sold by auction at the Customs House Sandakan at noon on the 27th November 1909, unless they are claimed or removed by their respective owners prior to that date. The proceeds of the sale will be paid into the Treasury.

Date bonded.	Description.	Owners.
1906.		
Dec. 24	1 Tub Chemicals.	E. L. Woodin.
1908.		
April 10	1 bundle Tobacco Leaf.	Unknown.
" 14	1 set Dominoes.	"
" "	2 packets Playing cards.	"
" "	2 bags Gaubling Instruments.	"
" 24	1 case Matches.	Tong Watt.
May 14	1 box White Bird's Nest.	Unknown.
" "	1 tin Bird's Eye Tobacco.	"
" "	1 parcel Copper coin, 72 cents.	"
" 15	2 pieces Cloth.	"
" "	1 tin Cake.	"
" "	2 boxes Empty bottles.	"
" 22	2 Earthen pots.	"
" "	1 box Glassware.	"
June 15	2 packets playing cards.	"
" 10	2 and 8 boxes Matches.	"
" "	8 tins Biscuits.	"
" "	1 packet Tea.	"
" "	1 Jap. Playing cards.	"
" 10	1 bundle Cig. Paper.	"
" "	8 boxes Matches.	"
" "	10 packets Chinese Medicine.	"
" 27	2 boxes books.	K. Masuda.
" 30	1 bundle Copper coin, \$11.08.	Kim Eng Watt
July 15	1 parcel Chinese Medicine	Unknown.
" "	1 package Copperware.	"
Aug. 4	1 box playing cards.	"
" "	1 package Dominoes & Copperware	"
" 11	1 case Revolver and Cartridges.	"
" 19	1 pair Trousers.	"
" "	2 pairs Silver Earrings.	"
" "	1 packet Tea.	"
" "	1 bundle playing cards.	"
" "	1 Opium Pipe.	"
" "	1 set Dominoes.	"
" 27	1 parcel 3 foreign dollars.	Tong Sang.
Sept. 4	2 packets playing cards.	Unknown.
" 22	1 Bamboo containing 2 Silver ornaments.	"
" "	1 purse containing 3 Dice, and 10 Seed Pearls.	"
Oct. 6	1 packet Java Tobacco.	"
" "	1 " Matches.	"
" 18	3 pieces Dice.	"
Nov. 7	1 Rattan basket.	"
Dec. 19	1 parcel Vegetable Seed.	"
" "	1 Chinese Chop.	"
1909.		
Jan. 6	2 cases Matches.	Kay Joo.
" 22	5 Foreign dollars.	Ah Wan.
" 28	4 Chinese books.	Unknown.
" "	1 tin Dominoes.	"
Feb. 3	1 parcel Deer Sinews.	"
" "	1 packet Dominoes.	"
" 17	3 packets playing cards.	"
" "	1 tin Bird's Eye Tobacco.	"
March 2	2 cases Matches.	Kim An Hin.
" 3	3 cases Chinese Tobacco.	Tong Soon.
" 5	3 packets playing cards.	Unknown.
" "	4 " Vegetables.	"
" 10	3 cases confg. 16 tins Matches.	Lee Hong Chan
" 11	1 basket playing cards.	Ah Chat.
" 13	1 tin Chessmen.	Unknown.
" 18	1 case Japanese Temple.	N. Kado.
" 31	1 bag Assam.	Unknown.
" "	1 Pistol.	Neilson.
June 18	1 brass box.	Est. Pgl. Gajah

M. M. CLARK,
Superintendent of Customs.

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W.	1	7 17	15 St. Giles.
Th.	2	18	16 Sedan capitulated, 1870.
F.	3	19	17
S.	4	20	18
S.	5	21	19
M.	6	22	20
Tu.	7	23	21 St. Eustace.
W.	8	24	22 Nativity B.V.M.
Th.	9	25	23
F.	10	26	24
S.	11	27	25
S.	12	28	26
M.	13	29	27
Tu.	14	30	28 New Moon. Holy Cross Day.
W.	15	1	29 Liverpool and Manchester Ry. opened 1849.
Th.	16	2	
F.	17	3	1 St. Lambert. Lond. & Birn. Ry. opened, 1844.
S.	18	4	2
M.	19	5	3
Tu.	20	6	4
W.	21	7	5
Th.	22	8	6 St. Matthew. Edward II murdered, 1327.
F.	23	9	7
S.	24	10	8
S.	25	11	9
M.	26	12	10 Locksaw Day (1857).
Tu.	27	13	11 St. Cyprus.
W.	28	14	12
Th.	29	15	13
F.	30	16	14 Full Moon. St. Michael & All Angels.
S.	31	17	15

RAIN FALL IN SANDAKAN, SEPTEMBER, 1908.
on 16 days 9.35 inches.

4th	S.S. "DARVIL"	will leave for	Singapore.
27th	" "MARUDU"	" arrive from	"
13th	" "MARUDU"	" arrive from	"
18th	" "do"	" leave for	"
3rd	" "TRINGGANU"	" arrive from	"
14th	" "do"	" leave for	"